

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 162641  
ORIGIN NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 R

DRAFTED BY EUR/SOV:WTSINN:ACH  
APPROVED BY S/MS:MDSHULMAN  
EUR:WHLUERS  
S/S-0 RCASTRODALE  
RCASTRODALE

-----048373 270024Z /62

O 262351Z JUN 78 ZFF4  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 162641

NODIS  
CHEROKEE FOR THE AMBASSADOR - DELIVER TO AMBASSADOR OOB

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: CASC, UR, US

SUBJECT: CHERNYAYEV/ENGER CASE

REF: STATE 161656

1. AT HEARING THIS AFTERNOON JUDGE LACEY AGREED TO RELEASE  
CHERNYAYEV AND ENGER INTO DOBRYNIN'S CUSTODY ON BASIS OF  
THE LETTER FROM DOBRYNIN AND THEY WERE HANDED OVER TO  
SOVIET CONSUL MYSHKOV.

2. PRESS GUIDANCE IS AS FOLLOWS:

- Q. CHERNYAYEV AND ENGER HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO THE  
PERSONAL CUSTODY OF AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN. DOES THIS MEAN  
YOU ARE ABOUT TO TRADE THEM FOR CRAWFORD OR SOMEBODY ELSE?  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 162641

- A. I HAVE NO COMMENT AS THEIR FUTURE. I REMIND YOU  
THAT THEY ARE STILL CHARGED AND A CRIMINAL CASE IS PENDING.

- Q. WAS THE PRESIDENT INVOLVED IN THIS DECISION?

- A. IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO COMMENT ON WHETHER

THE PRESIDENT WAS INVOLVED.

- Q. WILL CRAWFORD BE RELEASED IN MOSCOW IN RESPONSE?

- A. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR HIM TO BE RELEASED ON A SIMILAR BASIS.

3. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT THERE HAS BEEN APPARENTLY A MISUNDERSTANDING. THE SOVIETS HAD EXPECTED YOU TO BE IN TOUCH WITH THEM ON CRAWFORD'S RELEASE. PLEASE GO IN TO KORNIYENKO OR KOMPLEKTOV AS SOON AS YOU CAN. WE HAVE GONE OVER THE LETTER YOU WILL BE ASKED TO SUBMIT AND HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH IT. A COURTESY COPY WAS FURNISHED US BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY HERE. AS YOU WILL NOTE IT IS ESSENTIALLY SIMILAR TO DOBRYNIN'S LETTER EXCEPT THAT IT TAKES ACCOUNT OF PROCEDURAL DIFFERENCES. SINCE CRAWFORD IS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PROCURACY DURING HIS PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION, THE LETTER IS ADDRESSED TO THE FIRST DEPUTY PROCURATOR GENERAL OF THE USSR REKUNKOV.

4. THE SECRETARY WOULD LIKE TO BE ADVISED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AS SOON AS CRAWFORD HAS BEEN RELEASED PLEASE ARRANGE FOR THE STATE DEPT OPERATIONS CENTER TO BE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY BY PHONE. THE OPS CENTER SHOULD ALSO BE ADVISED IF THERE IS ANY DELAY IN CRAWFORD'S RELEASE. VANCE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** INSTRUCTIONS, PRESIDENT, MEETINGS, PRISONERS RELEASE, NEGOTIATIONS, CAT-C, CHEROKEE 6-26-78  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 26 jun 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978STATE162641  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** WTSINN:ACH  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** P840163-0121  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE EUR  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780618/aaaaaqak.tel  
**Line Count:** 86  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 4038667f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN NODS  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** NODIS  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** NODIS  
**Reference:** 78 STATE 161656  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 28 jun 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2202251  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** CHERNYAYEV/ENGER CASE  
**TAGS:** PINS, SHUM, UR, US, (CHERNYAYEV, RUDOLF), (ENGER, VALDIK)  
**To:** MOSCOW  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/4038667f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014